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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Clark et al.

Application No.: 10/572,975

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For: **EXCRETABLE REPORTER SYSTEMS**

Confirmation No.: 4577

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Anoop Kumar Singh

Date: September 10, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Action dated June 10, 2009. In the event that the present Amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the courtesy of a telephonic interview with the Examiner in an effort to narrow the issues for further prosecution and/or expedite allowance of at least some of the claims presented herein.

It is not believed that any fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this submission. In the event, however, that any requests, petitions or extensions of time for the accompanying response are required to prevent abandonment of this application, Applicants submit that such an extension is also hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and/or a request be granted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this submission may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220, or any overpayment may be credited to the same.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this document.

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